SHORT-RANGE STUDIES OF THE **EXPOSITION COMMISSIONERS.**

F. A. BETTS OF CONNECTICUT, In a characteristic attitude.

have former Senator Thurston or former Senator Carter for our chairman."

Former Senator Thomas H. Carter of Montana, one of the first men mentioned in

connection with the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Commission, is a very popular

man everywhere. He has been for years a figure in Montana politics, and entered na-

EX-SENATOR THOMAS H. CARTER, Of Montana, consented to pose.

was elected to the Senate in 1895, and since has been a party wheethorse and standby in that body. He is the man who was cho

sen to talk the river and harbor bill to death in the closing hours of the last Con-

gress. He took up that bill section by sec-tion and smothered it to death with an avalanche of language, thereby saving the

President the necessity of a veto. Senator Carter is a genial and approachable man,

will probably be made chairman of the com-

He said: "We can say nothing about

what will be done until your local organiza-tion acts. When it does we will get busy and we don't intend to be deadheads in the

enterprise. We are here to work earnestly. This thing must be the biggest success of

Former Representative John M. Allen of Mississippi needs no introduction to St. Louis people. Every man who has read a

paper for the last sixteen years knows he

morist and the best storyteller in the

House. Many a time when debates were

red hot, when the courtesy of debate was about to snap and be pulled up by the roots "Private John Allen," "the man from Tupelo," has entered the arena and with

CONGRESSMAN JAMES A. TAWNEY, Of Minnesota, stanch friend of the Fair.

story poured oil on the troubled water, set

the House in a roar of laughter and pre-

vented a sensational, perhaps a disgraceful, scene. The milk of human kindness has

a perennial source of pleasure and enter-tainment to his friends and associates, and

he will be a constant dispenser of sunshine

"We did nothing to-day. We were wait-ing for Glynn and for light from your local organization. Whenever you fellows get

his unrequited senatorial ambition.

in this commission.

as been in Congress as the wit, the hu-

the century."
ALLEN EXPECTS TO

SET A VERY FAST PACE.

the Republican National Committee

CARTER SAYS THERE IS NO ROOM FOR DEADHEADS.

Former Senator Lindsay, of the com-mission, has a cherubic face and a peren-nial smile. His home is in Frankfort, Ky., where he has lived and practiced law for many years. He served his State the last wix years in the United States Senate, where he took high rank as a debater and a constitutional lawyer. He is the only man on the commission who has had form-er experience in the World's Fair business, having served on the Federal Commission for the Chicago Fair.

THURSTON SAYS FAIR WILL BE A SUCCESS.

Former Senator Thurston of Nebraska is ene of the farmer orators of the Senate; has been a number of times the presiding officer of the Republican National Convention and is recognized as one of the best corporation lawyers in the country. His famous speech in the Senate in 1898, before the war with Spain, after his return from Cuba, upon which trip his first wife died.



is still remembered by those who heard it and witnessed the scene as one of the most dramatic incidents that ever occurred on the floor of the Senate. Thurston's friends, in speaking of him, said that while Senator Thurston was an intellectual man and a finished orator, his voice was not what it ought to be. "It always sounds to me," said this friend, "as though he had crepe on his vocal door."

Senator Thurston has the student face and the student air. In speaking of the World's Fair, he said:
"There is not much to say as yet. We

have not organized. This is mercly a mat-ter of days, however, and then this enterprise will have the proper snap and go to it that means success. We are here to help it along in every way possible."

Mr. Thurston will probably open law effices in Omaha, Neb., and Washington,

Philip D. Scott of Van Buren, Ark., is a business man, young, active and vigorous. He has been active in the Democratic party of his State for years, and was for a long time a member of the Democratic State

Former Senstor George W. McBride of Oregon is a very modest and quiet man. He is a native of Oregon, and since 1882 has been active in politics in that State, having been a member of the Oregon House of Rep-



COLONEL JOHN F. MILLER.

resentatives, Speaker of that body, and twice Secretary of State before he was elected to the United States Senate in 1895. BETTS SAYS EAST WILL

Commissioner Betts of Connecticut, is a

busines man who was evolved from a newspaper man. He is young and full of vigor and enthusiasm for the Exposition and all that it means. He is a good "mixer" and possesses the rare faculty of perfectly re-membering names. He said:
"I am delighted to be over here in the

great West. The people of the East, I be-lieve, thoroughly understand and appreciate the value and extent of this enterprise and will be here with their exhibits and in per-

MR. MILLER SAYS FLORY MAY BE SECRETARY.

Commissioner John F. Miller of Richmond Ind., is a grizzled veteran of railroad work for the Vandalla line, with which he has en connected for many years. His immany of them calling on him yesterday at the Planters, attest the value of his labors

TIME WAS UP.

It Was Quit Coffee or Die.

When a woman is brought to the edge of the grave by poisoning from the drinking of grdinary conse day by day, and is then made a well woman by leaving it off, her experience is worth something to others that are poisoned in various ways from the same babit

Jeannette B. Brown, 100 Minor St., Haven, Conn., says, "Pour years ago fe hung on a very slender thread with kidney and heart trouble, and a very "We did nothing to-day. We were waitliver, kidney and heart trouble, and a very
severe form of rheumatism. I was confined to bed with hands, wrists, feet and
ankles so badly swollen that they bore no
resemblance to parts of the human body. I
had frequent sinking spells from heart
weakness when I was thought to be dying
and sometimes thought to be dead. My
Doctor, one of the directors of the State
Hospital, a very successful man in his profeesion, told me to stop drinking coffee and
we Postum Food Coffee, as he said coffee
was the primary cause of my trouble.

I took his advice at once and discontinued
and the rheumatism left me, the sinking
pells became less frequent, and I got out
of bed and around the house. I was completely cured, but it required some time.

For the past three years I have been a
perfectly strong, healthy woman, sleep well,
with good appetite, good color, active and
energetic.

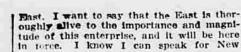
It is a great pleasure to testify to Postum
hat has made me a well woman again. I
have seany friends here and in other parts
of the State who are using Postum Food
Coffee regularly, and I know to their very
street benefit.

"We did nothing to-day. We were waiting for Glynn and for light from your local
organization. Whenever you fellows get
down to business you can just watch us.
Our schedule will be a swift one."

GLYNN OF NEW YORK WAS
ONCE A NEWSPAPER MAN.

Former Representative M. H. Glynn of
Albany, N. Y., arrived about 5:30 p. m. Tuesday. Mr. Glynn is the youngest member of
the commission, and was one of the youngest members of the last Congress. He also
will be one of the hardest and most intelligent workers on the commission, as he was
in Congress, where he was deservedly popular on both sides of the House. Mr. Glynn
formerly was a newspaper man in Albany,
and his training gives him a peculiar fitness
for his present position.

He said: "I am sorry I failed to be here
at the initial meeting of the commission,
not only because it is congental, but because
it brings me out here in the West, wher



"There has been some adverse comment in some of the Eastern papers anent the slowness of the response here when the first 10 per cent of subscriptions was called. That will regulate itself, however, and in a few days, I think, the machinery will be

CONGRESSMAN TAWNEY AN INDEFATIGABLE WORKER. James A. Tawney is by many held to be one of the ablest men in Congress. There is nothing of bluster or show about him. He is a genial, approachable man at all times,



EX-SENATOR LINDSAY, ucky, in his room at the planters Hotel.

ington. He it was who gave the dairy in-dustry of the country the "filled-cheese" and "oleomargarine" laws. He championed the bill that ended the adulteration of flour in America, resulting in an increase of flour exportation of more than 20 per cent the first year of its operation. He has been the loyal friend of the lumber industry and enumerable other industries and comme cial interests during his eight years as member of the Ways and Means Committee Mr. Tawney never says die. When Speaker Reed gave it out that the Hawalian measure would not receive the consideration of the House, Mr. Tawney, who admired the Speaker, but who knew no Czar rule, cir-culated a petition asking for prompt con-sideration of the bill and within two days had secured the signatures of a majority of Republican members. The Committee on Rules promptly made the bill "an order" and, as a matter of course, it passed,

When quite a young man, he took the advice of Horace Greeley, arriving at Winona Minn., without a cent. As soon as he acquired the means to procure books he commenced to read law, and continued reading until he was admitted to the bar with unusual honors. Soon he became known throughout his county as an able lawyer; then his fame spread to adjoining counties,



and his party insisted upon sending him to Congress. He has been four times re-elected and is regarded as senatorial timber of the first order in Minnesota.

THE THOMAS ORCHESTRA

AT THE ODEON.

At the Odeon last night the Theodore Thomas Orchestra, in the first of two concerts which constitute its final engagement in St. Louis for this season, appeared in an exceptionally well chosen programme to an appreciative audience.

So excellent was the entire presentment, indeed, and so typical a Thomas performance, that it is somewhat difficult to distin guish one number as the surpassing achievement of the evening. It seemed, however, that the Tschalkowsky number. the serenade, opus 48, played by request, was the most warmly received of any, provoking unusual applause, and more than deserving it. The touch of Oriental ness in this composition, varying at times to the softest melody, was most adequately emphasized by Mr. Thomas's treatment Next to this, perhaps, as a favorite with a St. Louis audience, was Wagner's over-ture, "Eine Faust," also a request number, most forcefully and dramatically

To many, however, the gem of the even-ing was found in the closing number, the exquisite symphonic poem, "Les Preludes," a Liszt composition that is fairly vital with the woodland spirit and rich in melodiou This was given so delicately as to ately preceded by the famous Theodore Thomas orchestration of Chopin's "March Funebre," the mingled mournfulness and sweetness of which was finely brought out. Mr. Leopold Kramer, the favorite vio-linist with Mr. Thomas, was the soloist of the evening, his number being the first in the second half of the programme, Lalo's andante and rondo, opus 21, a selection which gave Mr. Kramer oportunity for a

For the encore vehemently insisted upor the violinist played a variation on the Lucia sextette, which was so masterfully done as to more than confirm the excellent impression already produced. A very ade quate number—in some respects, indeed, more satisfying than all the rest—was Beethoven's Symphony No. 7 in A major, which was treated with all the correctness of expression for which this orchestra is famous. Mr. Thomas's leadership possessed its accustomed charm of ease and gentleness, and his mastery of his orchestra

was apparent as always. For to-night the programme is also typical one, its numbers embracing com-positions by Bach, Tachaikowsky, Dvorak Goldmark and Wagner. The soloist of the evening is Mr. Bruno Steindel, the 'cellist, in the Dvorak number, the Converto for 'Cello, opus 104. Judging from the size of last night's audience, Mr. Thomas's St. Louis engagement will terminate with a most flattering attendance.

Nebraska Senators Talk Patronage. Washington, April 23.—Senators Millard and Dietrich of Nebraska, accompanied by Editor Rosewater of the Omaha Bee, called upon the President to-day and discussed Nebraska patronage.

POOLING OF VAST INTERESTS UNDER ONE MANAGEMENT. Selections

Ships That Plow the Ocean and Plows That Till the Soil Will Be the Product of Two Gigantic Combines.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

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New York, April 23.—Plans are practically perfected for the pooling of the business of four great American shipyards. Those most directly concerned in the deal expected that an agreement would be signed Tuesday. There has been a delay, which, however, is of little consequence, as the principals are all in full accord.

In the deal are the Union Iron Works, San Francisco; the Bath Iron Works, Bath, Me.; the Newport News Ship Building and Dry Dock Company, Newport News, Va., and the Crescent Ship Yards, Elizabeth, N. J. The Huntington estate will be largely interested in the deal.

Limited to the four shipyards mentioned, the combination probably will form a working agreement with the Cramps of Philadelphia.

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To Lewis Nixon, who owns the Crescent Shipyards at Elizabeth, N. J., belongs the credit of bringing about the combination, which is now being matured.

There is to be no shipbuilding trust, "Community of interest" of the four concerns is what is to be established.

Rumor, that is as yet unverified, though generally believed, has it that Naval Constructor Bowles will resign his position with the Navy Department in Washington to become the executive head of the shipyard combination.

Chicago, April 23 .- After a conference lasting several days, the plow manufacturers of the United States practically have completed the formation of a \$5,000,000 combination.

The combination has for one of its purposes the elimination of long credits which have been given country merchants. It has been the custom to give these creditors as much as a year's time, and, inasmuch as the manufacturers have not enjoyed fresh credits in buying their materials, they say they credit at a disadvantage.

Twenty manufacturers are represented at the conference. Charles H. Dare of Mo-line, one of the moving spirits in the project,

"The capital stock," said one of the manu facturers, "Is one of the things to be deter-mined, but it is likely to be \$50,000,000. That about represents the capitalization of the twenty or more manufacturers who are represented in the conference. The headquarters of the organization will probably be in Chicago, although this and other details are yet to be definitely decided."

CHARTER AMENDMENTS IN CITY COUNCIL.

ed by Nonpartisan Commission for the Public Welfare.

Would Improve Public Buildings and Prevent Delay in Reporting Bills-City Marshal's Duties Defined.

The Charter amendment bill prepared by the Nonpartisan Commission for the Public Welfare, was introduced in the City Council Tuesday afternoon by Mr. Meysenburg. Five important amendments to the City Charter, subject to approval by a three-fifths vote of the qualified voters of the city, are contemplated by the measure. The first amendm nt relates to the Legislative Department of the city. Its purpose

is to correct article 3 of the City Charter so as to provide that all bills in the Municipal Assembly shall be reported by a committee within forty days. The object is to prevent the "holding up" of bills. Amendment No. the "holding up" of bills. Amendment No. 2 defines the duties of the City Marshal concerning special tax bills.

Amendment No. 3 arranges for increased taxation for the erection of public buildings, if authorized by a two-thirds vote of the qualified voters voting at the election the proposition is submitted.

Amendment No. 4 provides for a new and better system for public improvements of all kinds. The object of this amendment is to inausurate a plan that will allow of extensive improvements, and at the same time afford to taxpayers a more agreeable method for payment.

Horace G. Clark Elected Grand Commander and William H. Mayo Grand Recorder.

At the annual meeting of the Missouri Grand Commandery of the Knights Templars, held Tuesday at the Odeon, Horace G. Clark of this city was elected Grand Commander for this State and William H. Mayo, also of St. Louis, was elected Grand Recorder of the body, for the twenty-fourth consecutive year.

The annual election, the adoption of complete set of asylum tactics, and the appropriation of \$1,500 for headquarters exenses of the Grand Commandery at the riennial conclave in Louisville next August, were the features of the day.

The next annual conclave will be held in April, 1902, at Jefferson City. Two hundred delegates, representing fifty-seven commanderies of the State, were present at Tuesday's meeting and will attend the re-maining sessions of the Masonic Grand

The Knights Templar election resulted as follows: Horace G. Clark, grand com-mander; John F. Easton of Kansas City, deputy grand commander; Emmanuel F. Hastzell of St. Louis, grand generalissimo; W. A. Hall of Springfield, grand captain general; George McGuire of Kirksville, grand senior warden; W. H. Hooters o cape Girardeau, grand junior warden; the Reverend John H. Miller of Nevada, grand prelate; W. H. Mayo of St. Louis, grand recorder; Flavius J. Tygard of Butler, recorder; Flavius J. Tygard of Butler, grand treasurer; A. A. White of Independence, grand standard-bearer; Campbell Wells of Platte City, grand sword-bearer; Doctor Gib. W. Carson of St. Louis, grand warden; John W. Owen of St. Louis, grand captain of the guard; Colonel C. A. Sificlair, grand inspector. W. H. Mayo was also elected correspondent.

Horace G. Clark, the newly elected grand commander, has served in nearly every of-

commander, has served in nearly every of-fice of the grand commandery. He is gen-eral manager of the Missouri Pacific Rali-road system and lives at No. 4233 Morgan road system and lives at No. 423 Morgan street.

St. Aldemar Lodge, Knights Templars, held a meeting and installation Tuesday night at the Odeon, arrangements for a banquet being made. The directors of the Masonio Home will meet Wednesday at 10 o'clock, and the anointed high priests, past and present, will also meet. Degrees will be conferred upon twenty members. Thursday the Royal Arch Masons will meet and the by-laws and constitution revised and recommended at the last meeting will be submitted for adoption.

SETTLE WITH CONTRACTOR. Builder of Oklahoma Normal

School Gets His Money. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Guthrie, Ok., April 23.—Territorial Auditor
Baxter Tuesday paid to Contractor John
Volk of Rock Island, Ill., \$34,000 with \$12.511.40 interest, in warants, receiving his certificates for the construction of the Northwest Normal School at Alva.

Mr. Volk arrived from Rock Island, Ill.,
Monday noon and his certificates were
checked over and the warrants drawn for
the amount named. This large debt was
liquidated by special act of the late Legislature.

MESSAGE GIVEN TO SANITARY COMMITTEE

Five Important Changes Suggest- Contract for Municipal Garbage Reduction Will Receive Immediate Attention.

REQUIRES THREE-FIFTHS VOTE. MAYOR WANTS INFORMATION.

Complete Plans for Equipping Prospective Plant to Be Suggested-Report Is Expected at Once.

Mayor Wells's message to the Municipal Assembly containing information regarding the contract for the reduction of garbage and reciting conditions relative to the expiration of the contract on September 23 was referred Tuesday night by Speaker Cronin to the Committee on Sanitary Affairs of the House of Delegates. A resolution submitted by Mr. Reiss was referred to the same committee.

This resolution requests the Board of Pub lie Improvements to prepare and transmit to The House a complete statement of all the facts and estimates relating to the subject. The statement shall embrace plans for a municipal reduction plant, with estimates of the cost of construction and of the probable annual expense for operation and maintenance; also suggestions concerning the value of the product.

Information is desired as to the number and cost of wagons that would be needed for collecting the garbage, and as to the number of superintendents and subordinate

Amendment No. 4 provides for a new and better system for public improvements of all kinds. The object of this amendment is to inausurate a plan that will allow of extensive improvements, and at the same time afford to taxpayers a more agreeable method for payment.

Amendment No. 5 is intended to be a new section to article 7. It directs that the Waterworks shall remain in the possession and control of the city; that it never can be sold, leased or otherwise disposed of. This amendment would frustrate every effort against municipal ownership of the Waterworks. It would forbid the Municipal Assembly from passing laws that would be detrimental to municipal ownership and control.

The bill is the same that was introduced in the old Municipal Assembly. Passed by the City Council, with amendments, it was killed in committee in the House of Delegates. An endeavor was made to have the bill reported. Mr. Cronin, now Speaker of the House, offered a resolution calling on the Committee on Legislation to report the bill, but Speaker Murrell, now a member of the House, sidetracked it.

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Adjusted of prospective salaries. The Board of Public improvements and subordinate employes that would be included the shortest possible time necessary for building and equipping the plant. A digest of all existing contracts for the House, with the sale for the House, will be in a position to demand, if necessary, that the House of Delegater Cronin's action now fixes responsibility on a certain committee, and the public, through members of the House, will be in a position to demand, if necessary, that it wa

CAPITOL BILL UNAMENDED.

Arkansas Senate Declines to Alter Original Measure.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL

Little Rock, Ark., April 23.-Several efforts were made in the Senate Tuesday to amend the State capitol bill, but all were voted down, and the bill made a special order for Wednesday.

The Senate passed the House bill detaching certain portions of Columbia County and making additions to Lafayette. About their source miles are affected by the thirty square miles are affected by the

House passed the bill increasing the Arkansas to nine members.

The conference report of the Woodruff County separate court bill was discussed at considerable length and the House declined to recede from its action in adopting an amendment submitting the question to the voters of the county for a decision. The Senate also declined to recede from the position it took in opposition to the amendment.

The Deaf Mute Institution appropriation Arkansas to nine members.

ment.

The Deaf Mute Institution appropriation bill was advanced to a third reading, after the House had adopted an amendment setting aside \$110,000 for a new building to replace the one destroyed last year.

Fourth-Class Postmasters. REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Washington, April 23.-Fourth-class Post

masters:
Illinois-Union Grove, Whiteside County,
David Climin, vice S. P. Smith, dead,
Indiana-Kilroy, Posey County, H. T.
Barrett, vice James East, dead; Spurgeon, Indian Territory-Wilburton, Choctaw Nation, M. F. Campbell, vice W. A. Cox.

Nation, M. F. Campbell, vice W. A. Cox. removed.

Kansas—Catalpa, Gove County, T. M. Foster, vice F. M. Peek, resigned; Everest, Brown County, G. D. Bollinger, vice J. Q. Page, resigned; Freeport, Harper County, B. Fulkerson, vice J. H. Haun, resigned; Latimer, Morris County, J. D. Taylor, vice H. T. Morgan, resigned; Studley, Sheridan County, C. W. Turtle, vice F. C. Turtle, dead; Whitman, Sumner County, J. W. Evers, vice J. E. Galloup, resigned.

Missouri—Bairdstown, Bullivan County, W. E. Stuart, vice R. B. Houston, removed; Belgrade, Washington County, J. A. Stocking, vice John Grisham, Jr., resigned; Cen-Belgrade, Washington County, J. A. Stocking, vice John Grisham, Jr., resigned; Centerville, Reynolds County, D. C. Larkin, vice Edward Cook, resigned; Gayoso, Pemiscot County, W. E. Nunn, vice H. E. Averill, resigned; Hooker, Pulaski County, W. J. Copeland, vice J. A. Miller, resigned; Light, Maries County, S. L. Southard, vice C. J. Light, resigned; Pitcher, Callaway County, S. M. Wood, vice R. L. Barrier, resigned;

County, S. M. Wood, vice R. L. Barrier, resigned.

Oklahoma—Fallis, Lancoln County, H. R. Williams, vice W. H. Fallis, removed.

Texas—Dumas, Moore County, Arthur Nield, vice T. C. Denton, resigned; Woodhury, Hill County, W. M. Spurlock, vice T. R. Dean, removed.

Rural free delivery will be established June 1 at Franklin, Johnson County, Ind., with three carriers. Length of routes seventy-eight miles. Population served 1,735. Carriers—C. A. Waltz, T. C. Ruhle and L. N. Sellers. This is in addition to the service already established.

Fourth-class post offices have been established and Postmasters appointed as follows:

Made Easy...

The daily arrival of the newest creations of Foreign and Domestic Mills makes it easy for the purchaser to be pleased. Our stock sparkles with choice designs and patterns.

Suits made to order\$15 to \$50 Trousers made to order......\$4 to \$12

Arnheim the Tailor

N. W. Corner Broadway and Pine Street.

Branch Stores-New York, - Chicago,

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Everybody Smokes

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The greatest Cigar ever made for and sold for FIVE CENTS. Its equal unknown.

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---- TRADE SUPPLIED BY ---

MOFFITT-WEST DRUG CO.

Board of Education of the City of St. Louis.

Sealed proposals will be received at the Office of the Supply Commissioner, Board of Education Building, 909 Locust Street, on or before May 21, at 3 P. M .:

For furnishing Seventy-Five New Upright Pianos, of established grade, to be delivered at the schools on or before August 31st, 1901, including the tuning and repairing of them for a period of five years, payments to be made at a stipulated price per month for each piano. The pianos to become the property of the Board at the expiration of the five years without further payment. Bidders must permit inspection by a committee of experts to be appointed by the Board of Education. No bid for less than seventy-five pianos will be considered,

WM. BRYAN,

Supply Commissioner.

New York.

FISHERMEN RESCUED MEN ON FRAIL RAFT.

Government Employes Floated Down Mississippi River on a Revetment Mattress.

With a roar which sounded above their shouts for help, Caleb Smith and Thomas Wilson, laborers of the Government gang now reveting the Mississippi River banks above the Merchants' Bridge, were carried half way across the stream Tuesday after noon on the wreck of a wooden mattress which they had been lashing to the west bank to prevent the river from cutting

away land. They were rescued by fishermen in midstream. Five minutes after they had been tress gave way and later floated past St. Louis Harbor in sections. The mattress was valued at \$2,000.

Smith directed Wilson to notify the boss contractor and return promptly with a gang of men and a consignment of rocks with which to fill in the washout and hold down the framework. Wilson started to obey orders, but before he had time to walk off the mattress the great raft was raised

off the mattress the great raft was raised from its temporary fastenings and washed out into the river.

Different sections of the mattress were loosened, and by the time they had drifted to midstream the structure was fottering. Chance sent two fishermen from the East Side after them, and as they were rowed away from the drifting mattress the sections divided and floated with the current to the harbor. The tug Haurstick towed one large half of the mattress to the shore at the foot of Morgan street. Another section was wrecked just north of the Eads Bridge and several smaller rafts were washed to Carondelet.

High School Graduates.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL
Shelbyville, Mo., April 23.—Commencement exercises of the Shelbyville High
School were held in this city Tuesday night.
There were five graduates: Mabel Owen,
Mary Swenny, Edith Allen, Lillie Miler,
Vance Hewitt. Senator Thomas L. Ruby
of La Plata, Mo., delivered the annual address.

ANOTHER REPORT OF CONSOLIDATION.

Laclede and Missouri-Edison Electric Lighting Companies Said to Be Negotiating.

It was again reported Tuesday that an effort was being made to consolidate the Laclede and Missouri-Edison Electric Lighting companies. It was said that a meeting, at which a formal agreement to consolidate the two companies was reached, had been held Tuesday morning..

The Laclede, according to the assessment of the State Board of Equalization, is just

of the State Board of Equalization, is just twice as large as the Missouri-Edison. The former is assessed for \$90,000, while the assessment of the latter is \$150,000. While the assessment of the consolidated company, however, will, it is said, in the event of such an organization being effected, considerably exceed \$1,350,000.

The formal transfer of the stock, it is said, will not be filed for record until after July 2, when the war tax on stock transfers will be repealed. The saving by the delay will amount to about \$25,000. According to the report, a number of agents were put to work Tuesday purchasing floating stock.

After the consolidated company is in working order it will then, it is said, be taken into the new gas trust that Emerson McMillan is reported organizing in New York. It is argued that with their facilities already in operation it will be impossible for a new company to oppose them in anything like a formidable manner in lighting the World's Fair grounds and in securing the additional business that will come with the Fair.

Fair.

James Campbell, vice president of the Laclede Gas-Light Company, would neither affirm or deny the story, merely maintaining that he himself did not know anything about it. Isaac H. Lionberger, director, declared that no meeting had been, or would be, held. He said that the Laclede had offered to buy out its opponent ten years ago, but that the offer could not be considered in effect any longer.

Samuel M. Dodd, president of the Missouri-Edison Company, denied the report.

O'Connor May Succeed Wigger. New York, April 23.—It is generally be-lieved that the Very Roverend John O'Con-nor, Vicar General, has been appointed to the bishopric of Newark, made vacant by the death of Bishop W. M. Wigger.

SWELL JEWELRY.

A. KURTZEBORN @ SONS

JEWELERS,